

WYNDHAM MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE

368. Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the recent announcement that \$4.5 million has been allocated to the Wyndham multipurpose centre.

- (1) Was there a formal consultation process with the community of Wyndham on the development of this centre; and, if not, why not?
- (2) What extent, and over what time, was the Wyndham community consulted over service provisions of the Wyndham multipurpose centre?
- (3) How many community submissions were received in response to the consultative process?
- (4) How many of the community submissions supported the proposed redevelopment?

Hon JON FORD replied:

On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Health, I thank Hon Ken Baston for some notice of the question. The Minister for Health has supplied the following answer, which is quite lengthy. I table the answer and seek leave to have it incorporated into Hansard.

Leave granted.

[See paper 2761.]

The following material was incorporated -

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1. Yes.
 2. The Kununurra/Wyndham District Health Advisory Council was advised in March 2004 of the plan to transfer the remaining Wyndham Hospital Permanent Care Unit residents to the new Kununurra Aged Care facility, part of the Kununurra Hospital campus. With the closure of the Permanent Care Unit, there was a need to remodel health service delivery in Wyndham to better meet the community's needs. The District Health Advisory Committee was informed of this.

There was a public meeting in June 2005 to determine the community's preference for the site and type of facility needed to best meet their health needs. The community overwhelmingly indicated their preference to refurbish the existing facility.

In June 2006 another public meeting was held to announce that the WA Country Health Service would be proceeding with the community's wishes to refurbish the existing facility within the available funds of \$4.5 million.

Following on from this meeting a Project Working Group (PWG) was formed and architects were formally appointed to commence the planning of the refurbishment of the existing Wyndham Hospital. The PWG is made up of health service management staff and community representatives. The community representatives are - a Shire of Wyndham/East Kimberley representative, a Wyndham DHAC representative and one other community representative.
 3. There were no written submissions received during the consultative process.
 4. Not applicable.
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